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Mr. Donald W. Vierimaa  
Vice President-Engineering  
Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association  
1020 Princess Street  
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Dear Mr. Vierimaa:

This is in reference to your letter dated August 4, 1995 and your supplementary letter dated May 2, 1996, requesting an amendment of 49 CFR 178.345-14(a) to allow cargo tank metal plates to be attached by riveting around the plates' perimeter.

We received a similar request in a March 2, 1995 letter from Messrs. James H. Lawler, David M. Lawler, and J.F. Logsdon, of Tank Truck Manufacturing, Inc. This March 2 letter was accepted as a petition for rulemaking under § 106.31 and assigned number, P-1269. Your letters have been made a part of that petition.

If you should write to us regarding your letters, please make reference to petition number, P-1269a.

Sincerely,

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Exemptions and Approvals